



ENGLISH ACCESS MICROSCHOLARSHIPS

THE ENGLISH ACCESS MICROSCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM is a new U.S. State Department initiative for underprivileged youth in predominantly Muslim communities around the world. During the 2004–2005 academic year, English teaching schools selected by U.S. embassies in 39 countries enrolled 3,600 students in the English ACCESS Microscholarship program. The program provides an American-style classroom experience using U.S. books and materials.

GIVING HOPE TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED

- English ACCESS Microscholarships are for underprivileged youth such as Las-tri, the 18-year old Indonesian daughter of a bicycle attendant. She has the grades and the desire to go to college and become a teacher, but not the money. For her, an English ACCESS Microscholarship offers another path to a brighter future.
- Many English ACCESS Microscholarship programs include job and leadership training.

PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING

- Averaging \$1000 per student, English ACCESS Microscholarships open the door for students to participate in many American educational and cultural programs such as Fulbright.
- Learning English provides students a new window on American values and culture that can enhance trust and

Parents were so grateful that many literally shed tears of happiness that their children would be able to benefit from learning English."

MARTHA ORAL
English Teaching Fellow
Turkey

These scholarships not only touch the lives of those who receive them but will have a tremendous positive impact on their families and communities."

ITJE CHODIDJAH
Student Selection Board
Indonesia

understanding. In the photo above (*left*), U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia Charles A. Ray presents a certificate to an English ACCESS Microscholarship student.

SPARKING ENTHUSIASM AND GROWTH

- The English ACCESS Microscholarship program attracts enthusiastic partners. In Turkey, the American Research Institute donated 400 dictionaries, the Rotary Club provided travel funds for some of the students and the Turkish American Association raised money for an additional 50 scholarships.
- The Department of State plans to expand the program to other important regions to meet the global need for English language proficiency.
- Training teachers and developing educational materials are two new areas the program will fund to ensure a lasting legacy

OFFICE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS
BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE

<http://exchanges.state.gov/education/engteaching>